

Non-Compliant Amendment

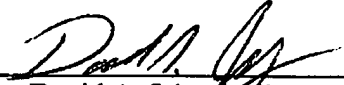
Applicant's counsel confirms an October 15, 2004 telephone conversation with the Examiner wherein the Examiner indicated that the Non-Compliant Amendment paragraph of the Office action was in error, and that no response to it is required.

Remarks

In view of the foregoing and because all objections and rejections have been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Dated: October 22, 2004

Respectfully submitted,  
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